

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I declare:  
that I verily believe myself to be the original, first and sole (if only one individual inventor is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if more than one individual inventor is listed below) of the invention in

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONFIGURING SPANNING TREE AND SPANNING TREE PROTOCOL  
SYSTEM AND BRIDGE SYSTEM

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked.

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